

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 9261.16761-DIV Applicant: Aboul-Hosn

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Group Art Unit: 3762 Single Port Cardiac Support Apparatus Title: AUG 1 1 2004

AMENDMENT B
SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
RCF

Mailstop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, which was designated a Final Action. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed to respond to the Office Action and advance prosecution.